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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
[REDACTED] Executive Officer/DDA
[REDACTED] Deputy Executive Secretary

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Employee Suggestions

REFERENCE: Memorandum to D/ES from EO/DDA, dated 17 July 1978,
same subject

1. Bob: Thanks for your report on the OTS group's three suggestions. I would appreciate your noting my comments on the third issue and taking action appropriately to ensure that all our new Agency regulations have a clearly labeled synopsis paragraph at the beginning in bold-face type so that employees can get the gist of the issue clearly. It may well be there now in the "General Paragraph" but if we change it we'll draw attention to it.

2. Dianne: Please let the OTS group know what action was taken on all three items.

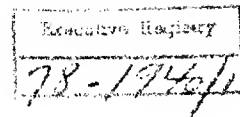
3. Frank: Let's work with the Office of Finance to set a management objective of reducing the average time to pay a contractor (or however else they want to measure it) in incremental stages.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Deputy/Executive Secretary
FROM: [REDACTED] Executive Officer/DDA 25X1A
SUBJECT: Employee Suggestions
REFERENCE: Your Memo; ER 78-1940, 3 July 1978

Forwarded herewith are responses to recent employee suggestions:

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Atts:
Tabs A, B, C

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DCI ISSUE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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Deputy Executive Secretary

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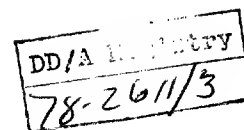
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A
Director of Communications

SUBJECT : Employee Suggestion regarding Additional
Secure Voice Phones in OTS (AIUO)

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SUBJECT: (Optional)

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If funds can be made available to implement this, we will be able to provide an additional 20 lines for OTS use.

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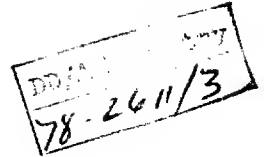
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: James H. McDonald
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT: DCI Issue

REFERENCE: Memo dtd 3 Jul 78 to DDA fm Dep Ex Sec,
subject: DCI Request for Comments on
Employee Suggestions (ER 78-1940;
DDA 78-2611; OL 8 3131)

The attached is very lengthy; however, it was felt necessary to cover the parameters of the problem. Per conversations with [REDACTED] a "blind memo" format was used to permit inclusion with responses to the DCI's other two issues. While we are not looking for work, I might suggest that in your covering note, you propose a joint Office of Logistics/Office of Finance MBO to raise the number of contractors paid within 30 days by 50 percent (per Office of Finance's figures, this would increase the 30-day rate from 40 percent to 60 percent).

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